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### **Self-governing schools — another view**

W. Wigglesworth wrote about the risks of self-governing schools (6/5), arguing, for example, that disadvantaged neighborhoods would not be able to attract the necessary standard of school councillor.

The argument is offensive and elitist. Self-governing schools could be a model for the next millennium if their development is based on voluntary and informed choice, and they are genuinely autonomous and independent. We should all welcome the opportunity to extend democracy into our schools.

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